

San Diego Police Department

2021 Annual Review

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Overall Crime in 2021

- Overall crime in 2021 increased by 13.1% compared to 2020.
- Compared to 2020, violent crime increased by 10.8%, while property crime increased 13.6%.
- Except for rape, the number of crimes in each of the categories in 2021 continues to be similar to the number of reported crimes from decades ago.
- The overall crime rate (23.8 crimes per 1,000 residents) is comparable to rates in the late 1950's.



Part 1 Crimes

	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021	% Change
Murder	56	*57	1.8%
Rape	485	571	17.7%
Robbery	1,207	1,091	-9.6%
Aggravated Assault	3,555	4,156	16.9%
Violent Crimes	5,303	5,875	10.8%
Burglary	3,324	3,393	2.1%
Theft	16,044	18,075	12.7%
Vehicle Theft	4,953	6,165	24.5%
Property Crimes	24,321	27,633	13.6%
TOTAL INDEX	29,624	33,508	13.1%

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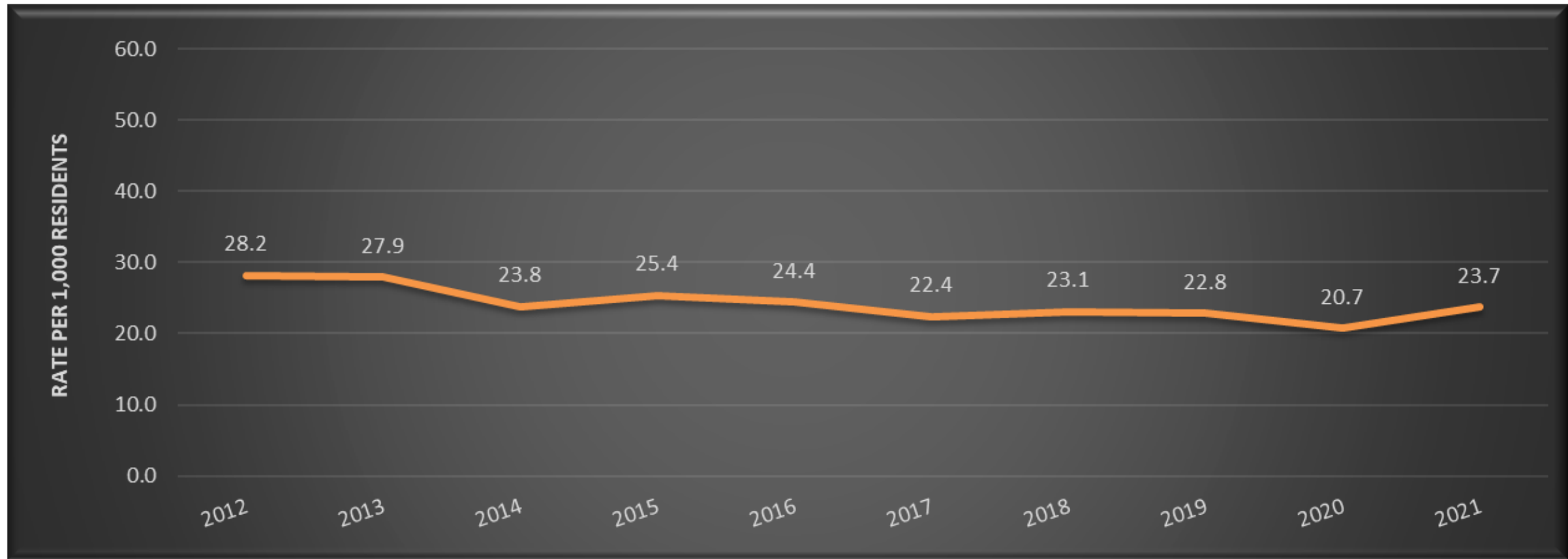


Crime Rates per 1,000

	Jan-Dec 2020	Jan-Dec 2021
Murder	0.04	0.04
Rape	0.34	0.40
Robbery	0.84	0.77
Aggravated Assault	2.49	2.95
Violent Crimes	3.71	4.16
Burglary	2.32	2.40
Theft	11.22	12.81
Vehicle Theft	3.46	4.37
Property Crimes	17.00	19.58
TOTAL INDEX	20.71	23.75



Total Index Crime Rate Comparison



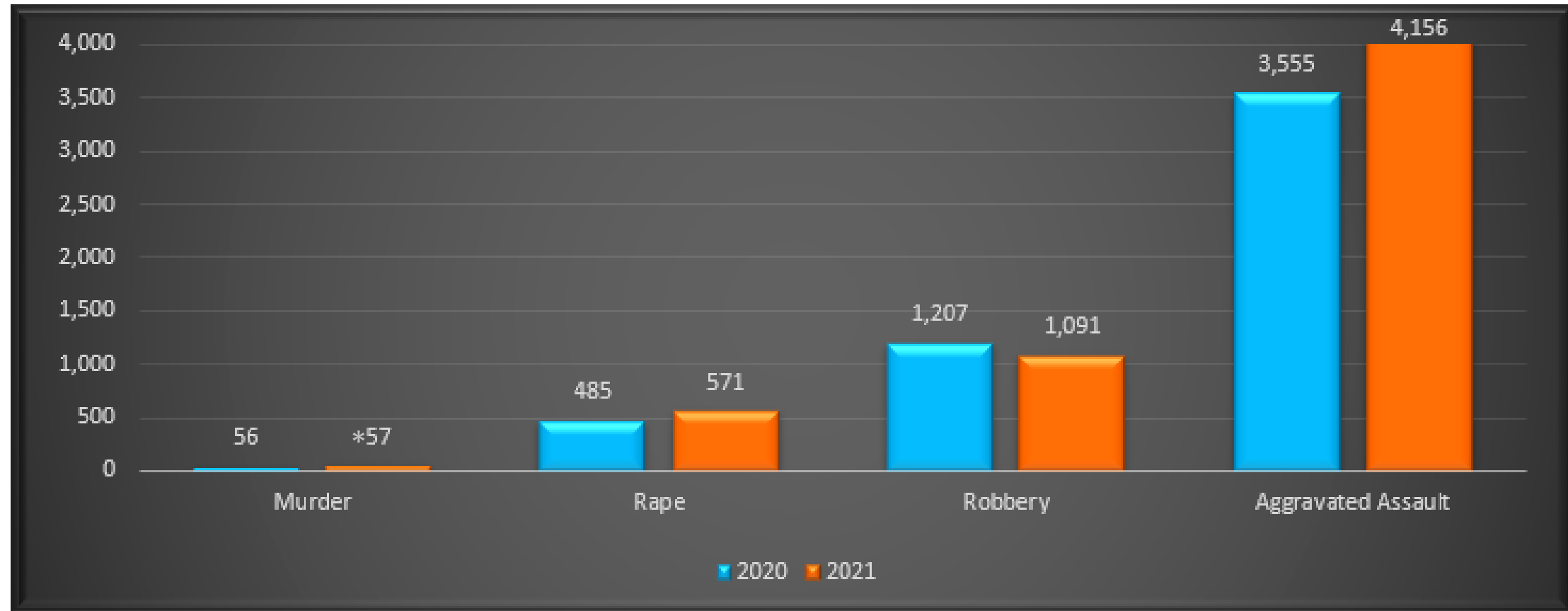


Violent Crimes

- The violent crime rate in 2021 (4.2 per 1,000 residents) is comparable to rates in the mid-1970s
- The number of murders in 2021 increased by 1 case compared to 2020.
- Of the 57 homicide cases, 17 were associated with gang activity and 3 were associated with family/domestic violence.
- Rape increased by 86 cases in 2021, with a 17.7% increase compared to 2020.
- Robbery decreased 9.6% overall compared to 2020.
- Aggravated assaults increased by 16.9% compared to 2020.



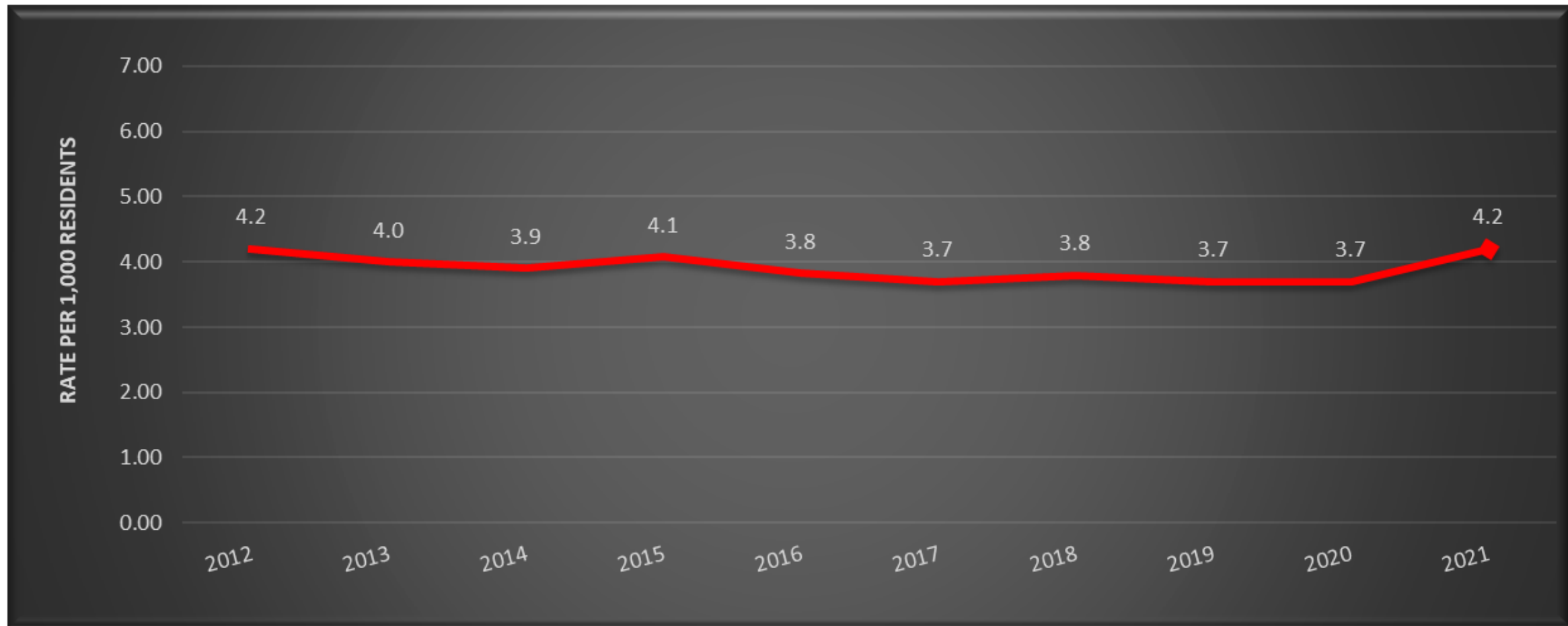
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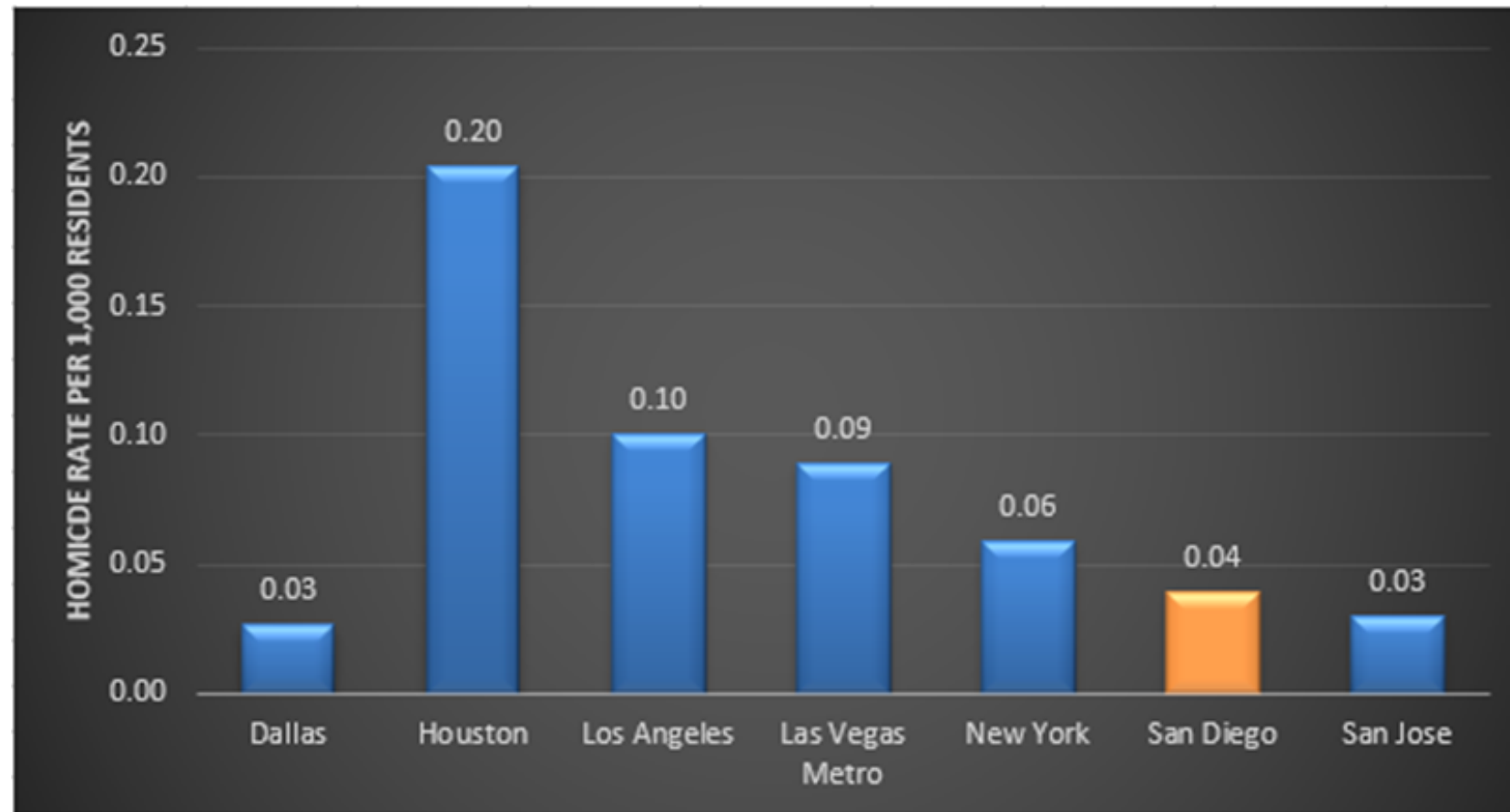


Violent Crime Rate Comparison





Major Cities Homicide Comparison

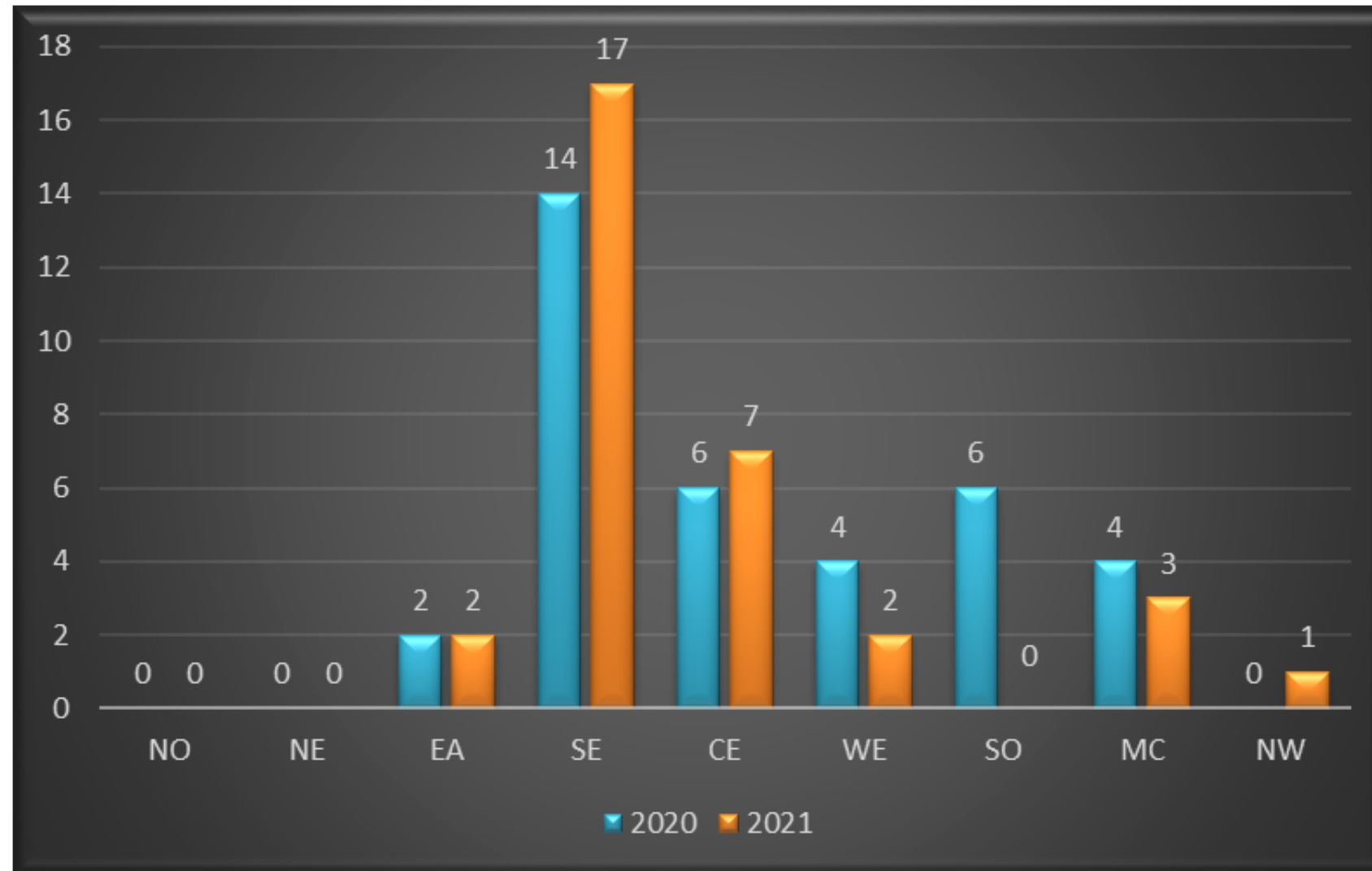


Source: Major Chiefs Survey, January 2022

Homicides by Division



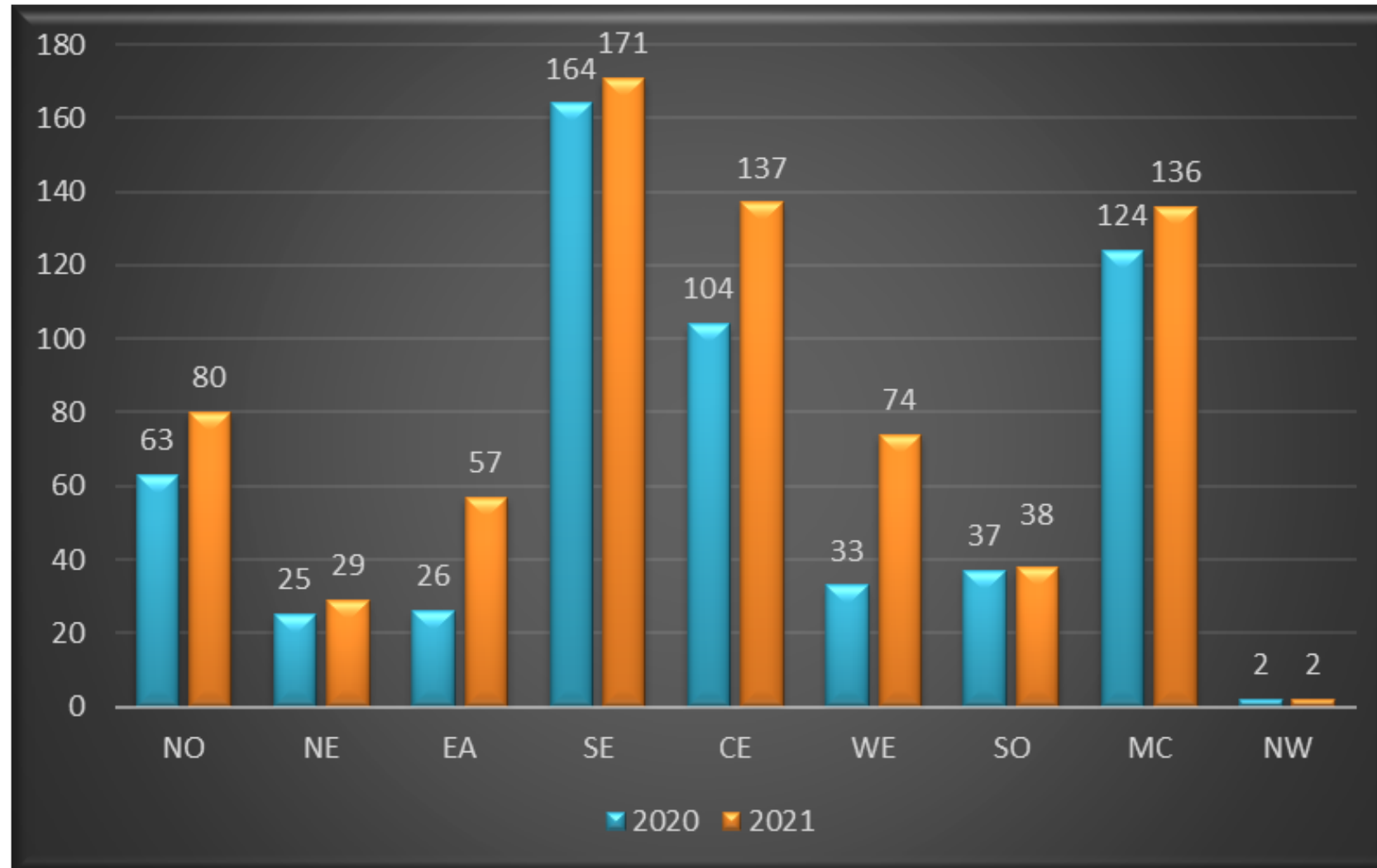
Firearm Homicides by Division



Aggravated Assaults by Division



Firearm Assaults by Division



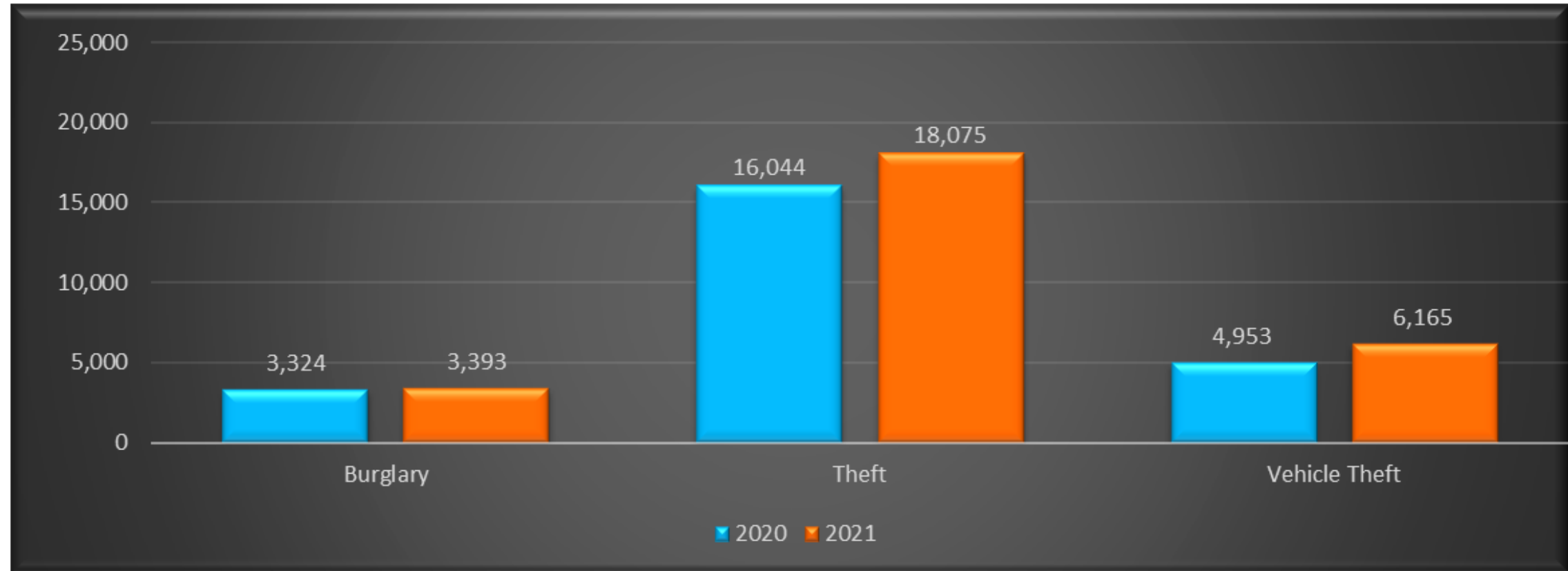


Property Crimes

- The property crime rate (19.6 crimes per 1,000 residents) is comparable to rates in the early 1950's.
- Overall burglary decreased 2.1% in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Residential burglary increased 3.2%, while commercial burglaries increased 1.1%.
- The number of thefts increased by 12.7% in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Vehicle break-ins increased by 20.8% and accounted for 46.5% of thefts in 2021.
- The number of vehicle thefts increased by 24.5% from 2020 to 2021, and is similar to the number of vehicle thefts reported in the mid-1970's.

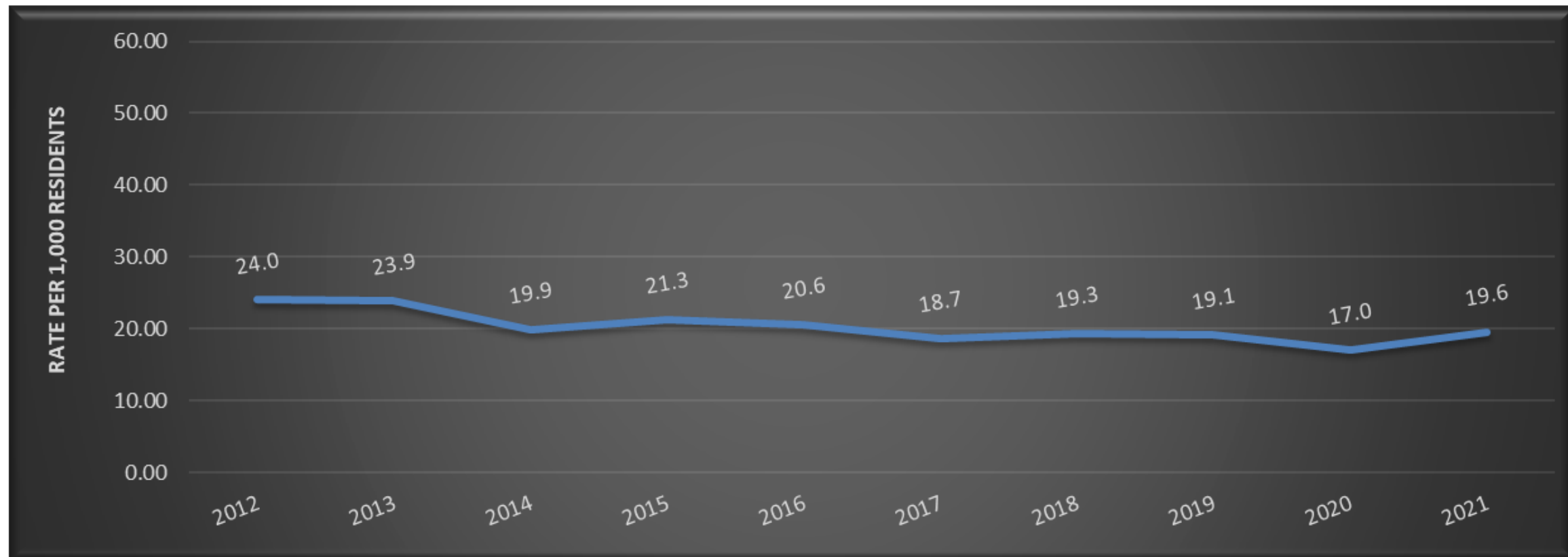


Property Crime (cont.)





Property Crime Rate Comparison

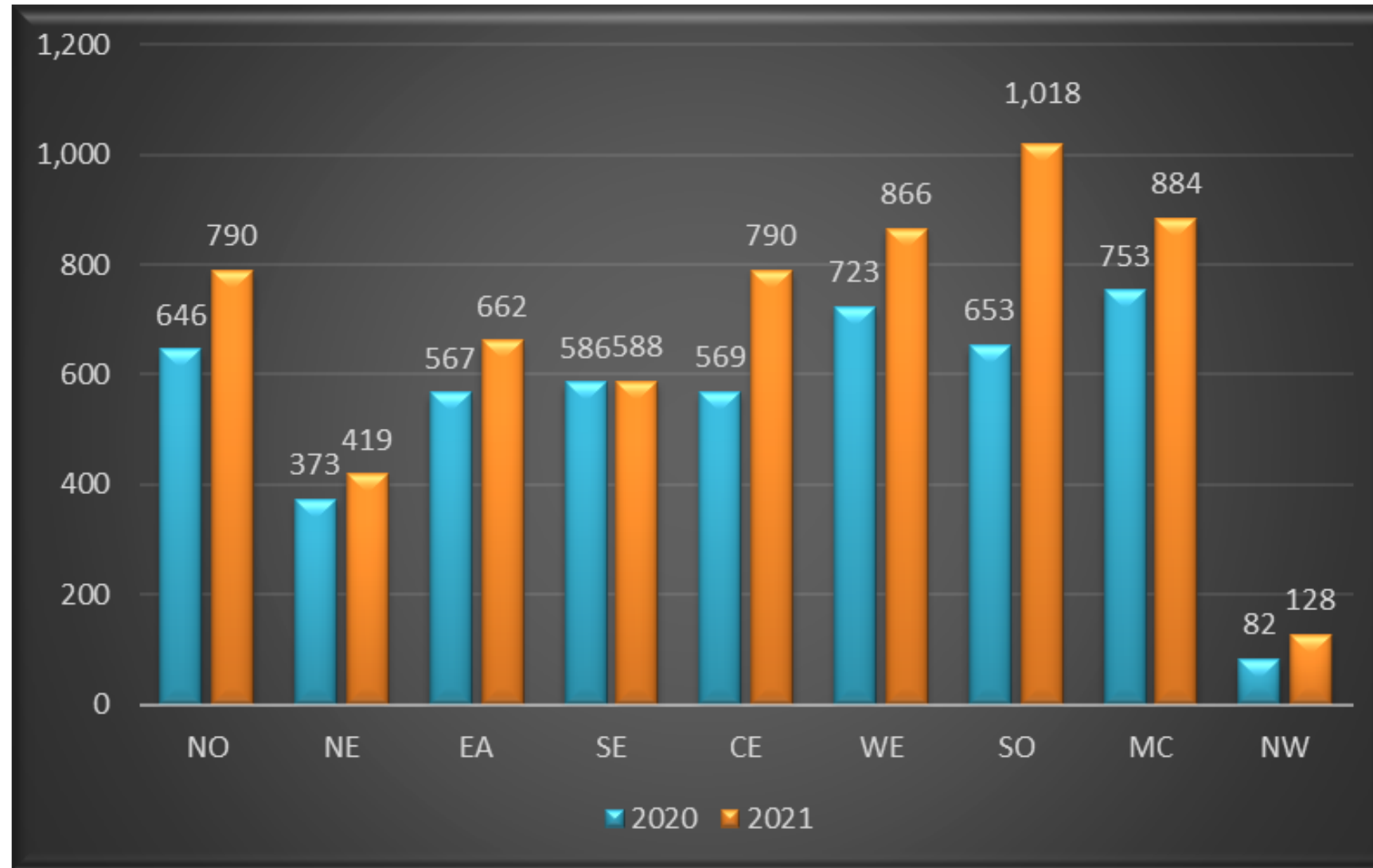


Burglaries by Division





Vehicle Thefts by Division



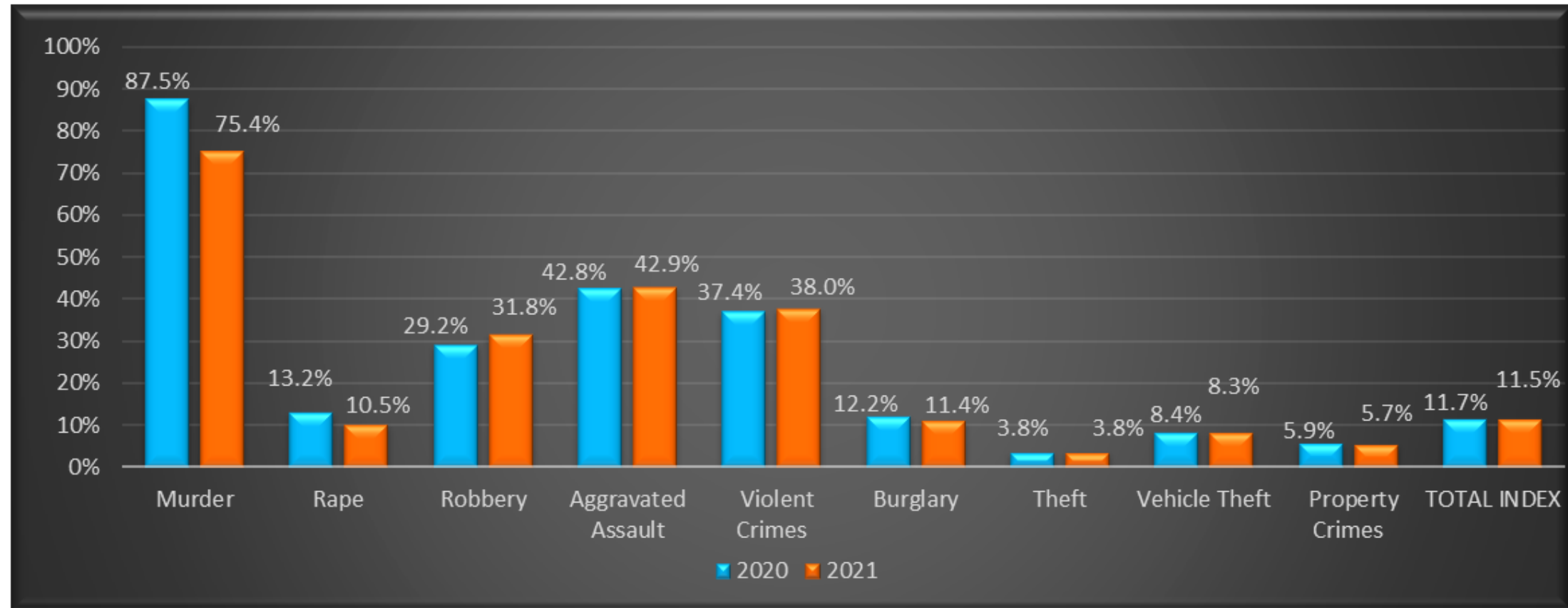


Crime Clearance Rates

- Overall crime clearance rates remained relatively the same in 2021 compared to 2020.
- In 2021, 38.0% of violent crimes and 5.7% of property crimes were cleared.
- 11.5% of index crimes were cleared in 2021.



Crime Clearances





Other Crime Statistics

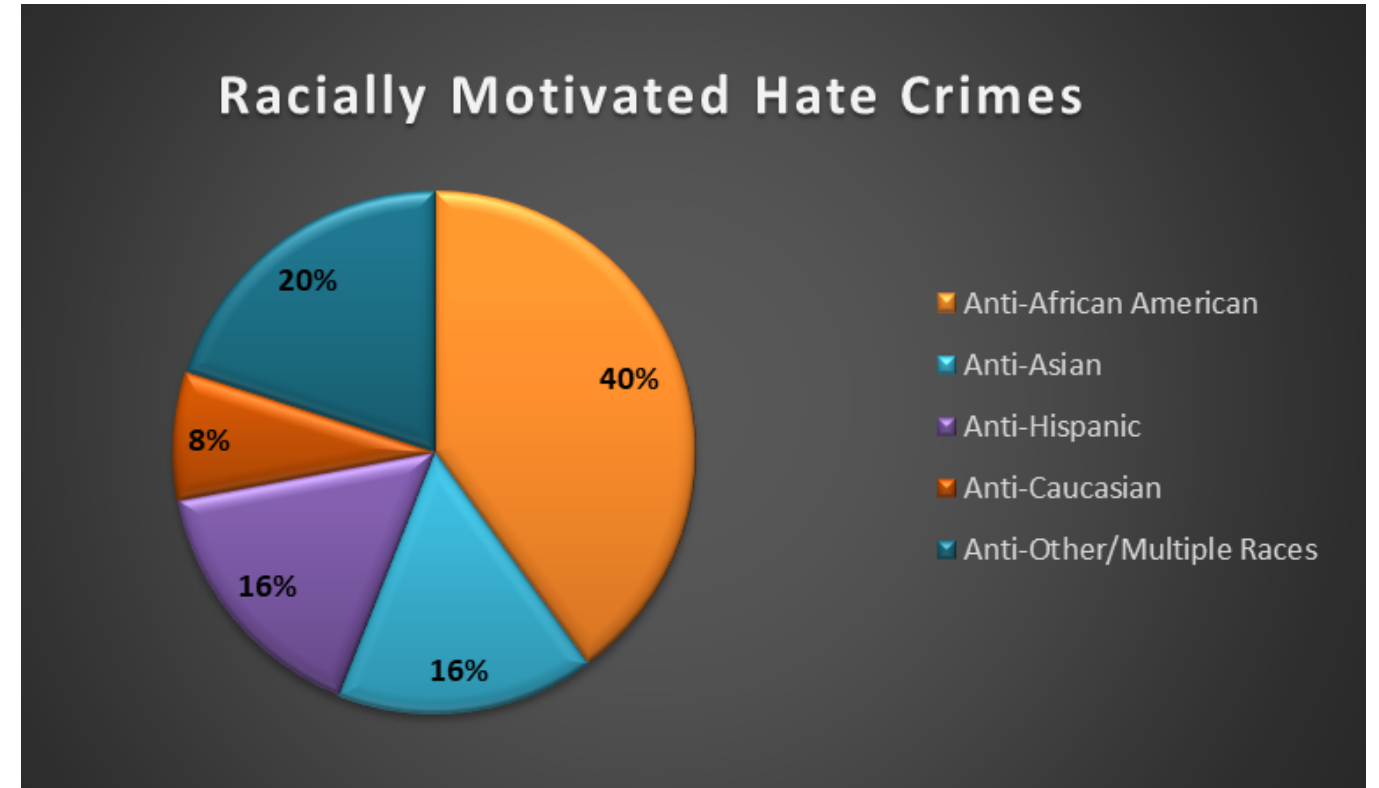
Hate Crime, Domestic Violence, & Gangs

- The number of hate crimes increased by 76.9% with a total of 46 cases for 2021 compared to 26 in 2020.
- Overall domestic violence incidents increased 4.2% in 2021 compared to 2020.
- Overall gang crime increased 7.5%.



Hate Crimes

San Diego Reported Hate Crimes January to December				
Hate Crimes	2020	% of Total	2021	% of Total
Ethnicity	17	65%	25	54%
Sexual Orientation	7	27%	12	26%
Religion	1	4%	9	20%
Gender	1	4%	0	0%
Disability	0	0%	0	0%
% Change				
Total Hate Crimes	26		46	76.9%





Domestic Violence

San Diego Domestic Violence January to December			
	2020	2021	% Change
Criminal Cases:			
Firearms	38	64	68.4%
Knife/Cutting Instrument	104	100	-3.8%
Other Dangerous Weapon	278	267	-4.0%
Personal Weapon (hands, etc.)	4,034	4,105	1.8%
Total Criminal Cases	4,454	4,536	1.8%
Non-Criminal Calls:			
	2,348	2,550	8.6%
Total Cases	6,802	7,086	4.2%
<i>Cases w/Strangulation:</i>			
	287	389	35.5%
<i>Cases w/Suffocation:</i>	0	0	N/A



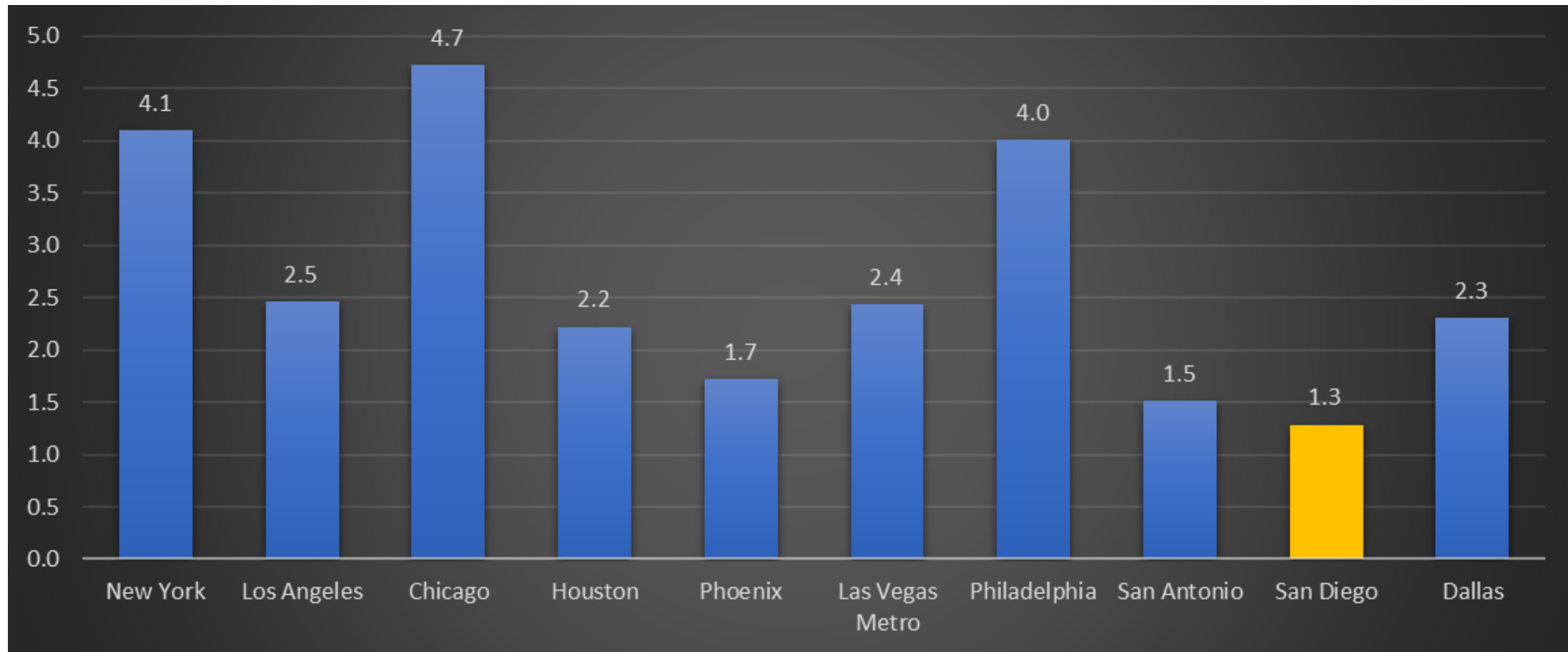
Gang Statistics

San Diego Crimes Committed by Gang Members January to December			
Crime Type	2020	2021	% Change
All Crimes:			
Homicide	10	17	70.0%
Attempt Homicide	4	7	75.0%
Assault	127	137	7.9%
Robbery	50	38	-24.0%
Auto Theft	47	69	46.8%
Other	310	321	3.5%
Total	548	589	7.5%
Drive-By Shootings	12	7	-41.7%
Arrests of Gang Members	358	482	34.6%
Documented Gang Members	2,569	2,183	-15.0%
Documented Gang Sets	64	61	-4.7%

Data supplied by Gang Unit 1/25/2021 and 1/24/2022



Major Cities Comparison – Officers per 1,000 Residents



Source: FBI Crime Data Explorer (Police Employment 2020)



Conclusion

- Overall crime in 2021 increased compared to 2020.
- San Diego continues to be one of the safest large cities in the United States.